REMARKS

The Assignee respectfully requests entry of the above preliminary claim amendments. The Assignee respectfully submits that the amended claims are in condition for allowance.

Excess Claim Fees

This preliminary amendment adds new claims 30 and 31. These two (2) extra claims require an excess claim fee of \$100 (2 x \$50). New independent claim 30, in addition, requires \$200. The total excess claim fee is \$250.

If any questions arise, the Office is requested to contact the undersigned at (919) 387-6907 or <u>scott@scottzimmerman.com</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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